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The Honorable Benjamin Allen, Chair  
Senate Committee on Environmental Quality  
1021 O Street, Suite 3230  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Allen:

**SUPPORT – ASSEMBLY BILL 2208 (KALRA) AS AMENDED ON APRIL 19, 2022 –  
FLUORESCENT LAMPS: SALE AND DISTRIBUTION: PROHIBITION**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) is pleased to **support** Assembly Bill 2208 (AB 2208), as amended on April 19, 2022.

The proposed legislation, if enacted, would prohibit, on and after January 1, 2024, a compact fluorescent lamp, and, on and after January 1, 2025, a linear fluorescent lamp, from being offered for final sale, sold at final sale, or distributed in this state as a new manufactured product. The bill would exempt various lamps that meet specified criteria from that prohibition, including lamps used for image capture and projection and lamps used for disinfection.

The Task Force is in support of AB 2208 as the bill would phase out lamps containing mercury in order to protect the environment and waste streams from contamination caused by these improperly discarded mercury-containing fluorescent lamps which are a potentially serious health risk to consumers, their families, and the solid waste management workers who encounter them in the trash.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill 939), the Task Force is responsible for coordinating the development of all major solid waste planning documents prepared for the County of Los Angeles and the 88 cities in Los Angeles County with a combined population in excess of ten million. Consistent with these responsibilities and to ensure a coordinated and cost-effective and environmentally sound solid waste management system in Los Angeles County, the Task Force also

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addresses issues impacting the system on a countywide basis. The Task Force membership includes representatives of the League of California Cities-Los Angeles County Division, County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, City of Los Angeles, waste management industry, environmental groups, the public, and various governmental agencies.

Based on the foregoing, the Task Force **supports** AB 2208 as amended on April 19, 2022. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer, a member of the Task Force, at [MikeMohajer@yahoo.com](mailto:MikeMohajer@yahoo.com) or (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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